



***BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held
Wednesday, April 22, 2009, for the purpose of meeting with Contribution Groups to discuss
the proposed FY 2010 budget.***

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. It was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Leta Mach was out of town.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Andrew Phelan, Recreation Coordinator, and Michael McLaughlin, City Manager.

Council met with the following groups and people to discuss funding requests:

Greenbelt Golden Age Club – Catherine Brannan and Paul Sabol represented the group. They are seeking \$6,100 to support trips for the group. The funds are already in the budget and are the same amount as last year.

Greenbelt Concert Band – Tom Cherrix and David Clarke represented the Concert Band. The band now has a website. The band provides trumpeters for the playing of taps at appropriate events. There was mention of a problem of the band needing access to a storage space in the dance studio and the matter will be checked into.

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) – Barbara Simon, Ray Stevens and Chris Logan represented the group. This year's funding totals \$2,000 including \$500 for New Year.

Mayor Davis reinforced the comments of the Arts Advisory Board to promote its program outside of just historic Greenbelt. There was discussion about how to get information distributed in Greenbelt East. FONDCA is included on the New Deal Café website. Ms. Simon spoke about a new program to feature young musicians in honor of Eileen Peterson.

Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters – Khanh Pham and Marilyn Clune represented the group. The group's membership is growing. It was also noted the swim-a-thon was a success. The group is asking for \$900 more to cover salary increases for coaches, a payroll service and higher equipment costs.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee – Linda Ivy, Lenny Wertz and Keith Zevallos represented the group. The matter of booth commissions was raised and the discussion indicated concerns had been resolved. A problem with phone lines from the Aquatic Center was raised. A request was made to use the Greenbelt Connection van in addition to the two Recreation department vans.

Greenbelt Arts Center – Norma Ozur, Sandy Irving and Jeff Landou represented the group. Mayor Davis noted there may be a problem with membership as she has not been contacted to renew her membership for some time. She complimented some of the productions such as Amadeus. Mr. Irving noted the Center generally runs a couple thousand behind each year.

Greenbelt Baseball – Steve Valentich, Christine Bailey and Brian Bailey represented the group. It was noted that membership and the numbers of teams are increased. The group is still interested in lights for the field.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club – Tony Davis, Mae Moncayo, Laurell Voglezon, and Crystal Robinson represented the club. It was noted that membership is up, but the funding request is not. The group would like to expand its offerings for concessions, especially at basketball games, but there is a problem addressing permit and other logistical issues.

Greenbelt Senior Softball – Jim Harbaugh represented the group. There are currently 5 members residing in Greenbelt. The group is asking for \$1,000.

Greenbelt Babe Ruth League – Bob Sonneveldt and Kelly Ivy represented the group. The group was able to lower its request to \$8,000 from \$9,000. Mr. Sonneveldt noted the netting in the batting cage can be used for another year.

Greenbelt Double Dutch– Kim Bradshaw represented the group. Overall membership is down, but participation by Greenbelters is up. One parent has taken responsibility for promoting the program in Greenbelt. The group performed at the White House Easter Egg Hunt.

City Council asked if the Recognition Group was up to date and Council would like a list of the civic groups.

Other matters: Mayor Davis asked to add to Council's agenda a report on Green Cities Conference.

The meeting ended at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin
City Manager